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1. The large gasworks at Magdeburg was built by Didier-Kogag-Hinselmann in 1928. The same firm was also in charge of all maintenance work in the plant after World War II. However, the firm stopped doing business with the gasworks because of difficulties regarding payment and its treatment of personnel from West Germany.
2. The gasworks now employs the Dr. C. Otto & Co. firm, Bochum, which is constructing a fourth battery of 30 Otto underburner-type ovens. This battery will have a daily capacity of 475 tons of coke produced from 600 tons of dry coal. The fourth battery of ovens will increase the total capacity of the gasworks by about 25 percent.
3. The coke produced in the Magdeburg gasworks is used as blast furnace or special coke. The expansion of the Magdeburg gasworks is especially significant because the Lauchhammer brown coal coking plant failed to produce the desired results. The first coke produced at Lauchhammer was not suitable for use in blast furnaces.

25X11. Comment. According to another report, the expansion of the Magdeburg gasworks was to be deferred in favor of an expansion of the brown coal coking plant at Lauchhammer.

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